



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	)	Confirmation No. 8055
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Kevin John SLATER <i>et al</i>	)	Group Art No. 1645
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Serial No.: 10/825,607	)	Examiner: TBA
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For: ASSAY METHOD AND MATERIALS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examining the subject application and further in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, please amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.